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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

- against -

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DEBORAH ABRAMOVSKY, ORLY CALDERON, AVIVA ABRAMOVSKY, ABBA ABRAMOVSKY, DOV ABRAMOVSKY, and ARI ABRAMOVSKY,

ANSWER, COUNTERCLAIM AND CROSS-CLAIM

Civil Action No: 08-2841

(Batts, J.)

Defendants, SIRS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant Orly Calderon ("Defendant") by her attorneys, Jules A. Epstein, P.C., for her answer to the complaint alleges:

- There are no paragraphs 1-4 set forth in the complaint.
- Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the matters alleged in paragraphs 5, 6, 8-13, 18, 19, 21, 23-29 of the complaint.
- 3. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph 7 of the complaint, and aver that Defendant is currently a resident of Nassau County, New York.
- Upon information and belief, admit the allegations set forth in paragraph 14, 15 and 16 of the complaint.

5. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraphs 17, 20 and 22 of the complaint.

#### AS AND FOR A FIRST COUNTERCLAIM

- 6. On or about March 4, 2006, Abraham Abramovsky executed and delivered to Plaintiff a beneficiary designation on the standard form provided by Plaintiff (the "Beneficiary Designation"). A true copy of the Beneficiary Designation is annexed as Exhibit "E" to the complaint.
- 7. The Beneficiary Designation provides for Defendant to receive twenty (20%) percent of the benefits payable under the Policy upon Abraham Abramovsky's death.
- 8. Abraham Abramovsky died a resident of the State of New York on July 23, 2007.
- 9. At the time of Abraham Abramovsky's death, all premiums payable for the Policy were paid, and the Policy was in full force and effect at the time of Abraham Abramovsky's death.
- 10. Defendant gave Plaintiff notice and proof of Abraham Abramovsky's death.
- 11. Prior to the commencement of this action, Defendant duly delivered to Plaintiff her demand for payment of twenty (20%) percent of the death benefit proceeds of the Policy in accordance with the Beneficiary Designation form.

- 12. No part of the twenty (20%) percent death benefits payable to Defendant have been paid to her despite due demand.
- 13. By virtue of the foregoing, Plaintiff has breached its policy of insurance insuring the life of Abraham Abramovsky.

# AS AND FOR A SECOND COUNTERCLAIM AND CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST CO-DEFENDANTS DEBORAH ABRAMOVSKY, AVIVA ABRAMOVSKY, ABBA ABRAMOVSKY, DOV ABRAMOVSKY AND ARI ABRAMOVSKY

- 14. Defendant repeats, reiterates and realleges the allegations set forth above.
- 15. Defendant's right to twenty (20%) percent of the death claim benefits available under the policy pursuant to Defendant's beneficiary designation is superior to the claim of any codefendant to the said twenty (20%) percent of the death benefits payable to Defendant pursuant to the beneficiary designation.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Orly Calderon demands judgment (a) dismissing the complaint; (b) on her counterclaim and cross-claim, awarding Defendant Orly Calderon the sum of \$35,000 together with interest and the costs and disbursements of the action and (c) granting Defendant Orly Calderon such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: Garden City, New York April 24, 2008

### /s/ Wes A Epstein

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF NEW YORK )
) ss.:
COUNTY OF NASSAU )

NANCYJEAN BROMM, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Deponent is not a party to the action, is over eighteen (18) years of age and resides in Islip, New York.

On April 25, 2008 deponent served the within via first class mail, depositing a true copy of the **ANSWER** thereof enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in an official depository under the exclusive care of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York, addressed to each of the following persons at the last known address set forth after each name:

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> /s/ Nancy Jean Bromm NANCYJEAN BROMM

Sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008

## /s/ Wes A Epstein

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Pursuant to 22 NYCRR 130-1.1, the undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the courts of New York, certifies that, upon information and belief and reasonable inquiry, the contentions contained in the annexed document are not frivolous.

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Dated:	Signature	
	Print Signer's Name <u>JULES</u>	A. EPSTEIN
Service of a copy	of the within is herek	oy admitted
Dated,	Attorney(s) for Defendants	
SIR: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF ENTRY	NOTICE that the within is a (certified) true copy of the office of the clerk of the within named Cou	
NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT	that an Order of which the within is a true presented for settlement to the judges of the within named Court, at 100 Supremodelia, NY on , at 9:30 A. N	one of the e Court Drive,
Dated:	Yours, etc., Jules A. Epstein, P.C. Attorney for Defendant Orly Caldero 600 Old Country Road, Suite 505 Garden City, NY 11530 (516) 745-1325 (516) 222-1499 (Fax)	on